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(C/NF) KUDOS TO US EMBASSY BRASILIA POLITICAL SECTION FROM WASHINGTON ANALYSTS FOR CONSISTENTLY THOROUGH AND TIMELY REPORTING ON DOMESTIC POLITICAL ISSUES IN BRAZIL. REFTELS A-C ARE THE LATEST EXAMPLES OF REPORTING THAT WE HAVE USED AND WILL CONTINUE TO USE IN OUR ASSESSMENTS AS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS APPROACH. BRASILIA 000905 PROVIDED A SOLID PRIMER FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS NEXT OCTOBER; INSIGHTS WILL INFORM A FORTHCOMING ASSESSMENT TO ADDRESS POLICYMAKER INTEREST IN THE ELECTION OF PRESIDENT LULA'S SUCCESSOR. BRASILIA 000799 GAVE UNIOUE INSIGHT INTO THE CORRUPTION SCANDAL IN THE BRAZILIAN SENATE AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR POLITICAL INSTITUTIONS IN COUNTRY. BRASILIA 000791 PROVIDED VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO THE PROSPECTS FOR PRESUMPTIVE WORKERS' PARTY PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE DILMA ROUSSEFF, WHICH WE WERE ABLE TO CITE IN HIGH-LEVEL BRIEFINGS AND WRITTEN PRODUCTION FOR POLICYMAKERS, INCLUDING THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY. SPECIAL THANKS TO POLITICAL OFFICER DALE PRINCE, WHOSE UNIQUE INSIGHTS INTO BRAZIL'S OFTENTIMES BYZANTINE POLITICAL SYSTEM HAVE PROVEN CENTRAL TO OUR ANALYSIS. CLINTON